

Smart Growth – The Competitive Advantage

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A. State Capital Investments: Enhancing Public Benefits	1. Limit state growth-related capital investments to areas designated for growth by local governments and LURC in their comprehensive plans and ordinances (preferably through legislation such as LD 1080 introduced in the 119th Legislature). Include language in LD 1080 that creates a downtown leasehold improvement fund capitalized by a one-time, non-lapsing allocation. (Legislation submit year FY 00; One time allocation)	P.L. 1999 c. 776, section 10, enacted 30-A MRSA §4349-A, limits the geographic areas where State "growth-related capital investment" ¹ "may be made or a State facility sited. With enumerated exceptions, 30-A MRSA §4349-A, sub-§1 requires that State agencies make "growth related capital investments" only in one of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service centers downtowns, service center growth areas, or downtowns or growth areas in non-service centers (see also C.1. • a "growth area", locally designated in an adopted, consistent comprehensive plan; or • in communities with no "growth area" designated in an adopted, consistent comprehensive plan, in: a) an area with adequate existing public sewer service; b) an area that the Census lists as a "census-designated place" , or; c) a "compact area" as defined by 23 MRSA §754. Several exceptions are noted in the law. 		Track State Investments (see also under E. 1.	BGS	
		LWRC distributing procedure for review/certification of exemptions to MRSA § 4349-A and schematic describing decision making process			SPO – Judy Cooper 287-6417	
		Circulated to Regional councils for distribution to Municipalities: a) Tabular summary of State Investment and Grant Programs noting Municipal eligibility requirements and preferences, b) procedure for review/certification of exemptions to MRSA § 4349-A and schematic describing decision making process	Discuss/distribute memo summarizing impact of LD2600 on investments in growth areas or their surrogates; clarify policy for identifying consistency status relative to final grant decision making	Revise and maintain as needed	Smart Growth Coordinating Committee & SPO – Judy Cooper 287-6417	March mtg
		Guidance memo from DECD distributed to municipalities (July '00) regarding impact of growth related capital investments on eligibility for CDBG funding	As above		DECD – Orman Whitcomb 287-8485	March mtg
			Growth area mapping; maps being reviewed by Regional Councils and municipalities; Dot Urban Compact areas, Census Designated Places and Sewered areas also being digitized	Maintain current status maps in GIS format and post to web site	SPO - John DeIVecchio 287-8058	
	2. Speed up funding of local comprehensive plans and	P.L. 1999 c. 776 appropriated \$1.7 million for	Program Statement and Application Materials	Increase the amount of	SPO Will	

¹30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§5-B, enacted by Section 7 of P.L. 1999 c. 776, defines "growth-related capital investment." The definition covers State expenditure of State, federal, or other public funds using the full range of State financial assistance tools for a limited range of projects, including specified public infrastructure investments, State office buildings, business or industrial parks, and multi-family rental housing.

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	implementation programs (from \$250,000 per year to \$500,000 per year) to assure full opportunity for local governments to designate and implement growth areas (as of 1999, 165, or about 33% of organized municipalities, have "consistent" comprehensive plans with designated growth areas.) Expand regional technical assistance to provide assistance to local governments. (<i>One time non-lapsing allocation</i>)	grants for financial and technical assistance to municipalities, grants to regional councils and smart growth initiatives;	circulating; application deadline Jan 5, 2001; Regional Technical Assistance funding increased by \$445,000 over FY01, FY02 time period;	funds available for 3 previously scheduled grant rounds in Spring '01; Fall '01 and Spring '02	Johnston (287-3860)	
	a. Provide funding for the development of Capital Improvement Plans and develop a mechanism for their capitalization for regions that have been prospectively zoned by LURC. (<i>Estimate unknown at this time</i>)	CIP project was rejected by Commission whose members said that LURC is about land use not financial affairs		Raise the issue again? Priority?	John Williams or Holly Dominie?	
			SM Gr Coord Comm discussing: recommending the development of a State Capital Investment Plan to create a rational and predictable approach to setting priorities for routine and/or yearly capital expenditure needs, eg. Maintenance/replacement of capital facilities, addressing list of unfunded compliance issues; Also improving coordination of State Agency processes eg. Lining up recreational planning with bridge planning, improved BGS process		David Keeley 287-1491	
	3. Protect state highway investments through access management, by a combination of acquisition/regulation of key rights-of-way in the corridors of the state's arterials, and standards in local ordinances and LURC regulations that minimize intrusions and conflicts associated with development sprawl on state highways. (<i>Legislation submit year FY 00</i>)	P.L 1999 c. 676 expands the purposes of the access management law and clarifies that the Maine Department of Transportation (department) is directed and municipalities are authorized to make rules that establish priorities that assure avoidance, minimization and mitigation of the negative impacts of access on highway operations consistent with functional classifications.	MDOT staff has completed a draft set of rules; stakeholder group to review in late Jan.		Department of Transportation (Kathy Fuller, 287-2942)	
		MDOT continues its strategic planning and implementation of transit systems statewide. The Acadia Explorer transit system in Hancock County is a successful model of new transit thinking with supports tourism and econ development while reducing env. impacts and providing mobility.				
		MDOT recently secured Federal Transit Administration funds to continue the innovative operations of the Acadia Explorer.	Gov King's FY02-03 bond package proposes \$1.65M to match \$8M in newly available Federal Transit Administration funds for transit vehicle replacements.			
			MDOT directed to work with SPO and regional councils to provide training, tech. assistance and information to municipalities on road planning, road maintenance, sidewalks and neighborhood involvement to assist municipalities in addressing "smart growth".	Coordinate with Municipal handbook (due for circulation early '01) Also, by 1-2-01, develop model subdivision and road ordinances that provide options to municipalities for construction standards for new residential streets.	Department of Transportation (Kathy Fuller, 287-2942) Peter Coughlan??	

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			MDOT directed to begin a strategic planning process to address challenges such as administrative streamlining of transit funding, marketing and redesign of transit, innovative financing of transit projects, connectivity to airports and rail.		Department of Transportation (Barbara Donovan, 287-3319)	
			MDOT directed to work with DHS and DEP to identify funding sources for innovative transit and transportation projects that address sprawl and air quality issues.		Department of Transportation (Barbara Donovan, 287-3319)	
	4. Implement the Maine Department of Transportation's "Explore Maine" initiative, creating a viable alternative transportation network to support Maine tourism. (<i>Reallocate existing funds begin year FY 02</i>)	Recently completed Projects (partial list): Amtrak service to Portland in April of 2001. Continued success of high speed and traditional ferry service between Portland, Bar Harbor, and Nova Scotia. Charter bus and intercity bus public and private investments statewide. \$1M in state funds leveraging additional private and federal funds for airport marketing. New bike paths in Topsham, Portland, and elsewhere. MDOT's first statewide bike map. Rapid growth of the Acadia Explorer transit system allowing car-free vacations and commuting in Hancock County.			Tracy Perez 287-2551	
		Funded Projects (partial list): Intermodal passenger facility development in Auburn, Trenton, Rockland. Portland OceanGate new ferry and cruise terminal. New bike trails in Augusta, Ellsworth, Fryeburg, and elsewhere. Passenger rail track upgrades from Portland to Rockland and from Portland to Auburn. Passenger rail feasibility studies from Bangor to Trenton.				
			FY02-03 proposed funding: \$4m to match \$6.1M for intermodal facility development in Freeport, Brunswick, Bath, Boothbay Harbor, Newcastle, Rockland, and Bangor-Brewer. \$5M in federal enhancement funds matching as much in local and state funds for trails and bike/ped in population centers, including development of Eastern (East Coast) Trail, Mountain Division Trail, and Downeast Trail. \$1M for improvements to rail lines between Brunswick and Augusta. \$3M for recreational enhancements to bridges to improve snowmobiling and fishing access statewide.			
	5. Provide incentives for regional collaboration between K-12 education, higher education, and economic development to make the most effective and efficient use of school capacity and human resources and to encourage well planned growth and development. (<i>Reallocate existing funds begin year FY 02</i>)		Board of Education developing major substantive rules for siting new school construction. legislative adoption pending	Sm Coord Comm to discuss implementation	Sm Gr Coord Comm DECD? SPO David Keeley?	
B. Keep Rural	1. Property Tax reform:	Done. Recapture penalty for withdrawal of		Outreach to landowners and	DAFRR – Mary	

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Lands Ecologically and Economically Productive	a. Farm & Open Space Tax Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce the penalty for withdrawal to the minimum required in the Constitution (Legislation submit year FY 00) 	farmland from the farm and open space tax program is reduced to the minimum penalty required by the State Constitution		municipalities	Ellen Johnston (287-7520) & MRS Dave Ledew 287-4787	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reimburse municipalities for reduced tax base due to farmland classification at equivalent level as done for tree growth classification and provide updated guidelines for assessors to use for valuing farmland in each region of the state. (Ongoing allocation) 	municipal reimbursement passed legislation but not funded at appropriations;	LWRC report (1/11/01) to Leg. Recommends continued support for municipal reimbursement and to seek funding sources to fund it		DAFRR – Mary Ellen Johnston (287-7520)	
			DAFRR and MRS to update the guidelines for the valuation of farmland by December 31, 2000 and biennially thereafter with suggested values by region as appropriate	Expected end of Jan '01	DAFRR – Mary Ellen Johnston (287-7520)	
	b. Wildlife Habitat and Waterfront Tax benefit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> include tax benefits for landowners entering into cooperative agreements with IFW and DMR for designated high value wildlife habitats and waterfronts. (Legislation submit year FY 01) 	1b. Wildlife and Waterfront Tax benefits voters rejected constitutional amendment wrt waterfront tax benefits Nov '00;	LWRC report (1/11/01) to Leg. recommends proposing waterfront tax benefits again and providing municipal reimbursement for this, tree growth and wildlife habitat land based on cooperative agreements between I/o and IF&W	Lend agency support to LWRC recommendations	IF&W Ken Elowe 287-5260 Sue Inches	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reimburse municipalities for reduced tax base due to habitat and waterfront classification at equivalent level as done for tree growth classification and provide updated guidelines for assessors to use for valuing habitats and waterfronts in each region of the state. (Ongoing allocation begin year FY 01) 		LWRC report (1/11/01) to Leg. recommends providing municipal reimbursement for the above, tree growth and wildlife habitat cooperative agreements LWRC report (1/11/01) to Leg. also recommends stabilizing terms of tree growth program by fixing the terms under which newly enrolled lands are to be managed	Lend agency support to LWRC recommendations; Need funding sources; Follow bills	Sm Gr Coord Comm Mary Ann Hayes	
	c. Study the feasibility and cost of changing the Maine Constitution to permit "current use" taxation. (Administration Study begin year FY 00)	Rural Lands Working Group discussed and agreed that changing the Constitution from FMV basis to current use was impractical.	Instead, LWRC report (1/11/01) to Leg. recommends providing municipal reimbursement for current use programs as noted above	Lend agency support to LWRC recommendations	Sm Gr Coord Comm	
	2. Through a Strategic Plan for Land for Maine's Future, target substantial portions of land acquisition funds for purchase of: a. threatened rural lands around spreading urban areas, including the purchase of development rights from willing farmers; (Note: \$50 million LMF bond issue sets aside 10% for purchase of development rights from farms.)	2. LMF has done its strategic plan in the form of its new policy and program statement and was successful in getting \$50 million bond approved. 2a. \$5 million is targeted for farm PDR's and local/regional significance in the new statement. Grant from \$1.7 million Smart Growth funds provided for a strategic study of farmland resources and acquisition needs and targets			SPO Mark DesMeules (287-1487) DAFRR – Mary Ellen Johnston (287-7520)	
	b. marine waterfronts which can be used for shellfish harvesting	2b and c. \$5 million is also set aside for public access.				
	c. fresh and marine waterfronts which can be used for public access, recreational use and wildlife habitat		MDOT FY02-03 bond proposes \$1.5M to match \$1.5M in local funds for the Small Harbor Improvement Program to improve piers and wharves which provide public commercial access to marine		Kevin Rousseau 287-2551	

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			waters. FY02-03 bond also proposes \$3M for recreational enhancements to bridges to improve snowmobiling and fishing access statewide.		Steve Abbot 287-3131	
	d. highway access rights in partnership with MDOT as a cost effective approach to highway access management and corridor preservation. (Reallocation of funding provided through General Fund Bonding begin year FY 00)	<i>2d. This has not been attended to and the objectives of corridor preservation and LMF are distinct. However, each project scores higher when other areas of public interest are advanced.</i>	MDOT and DAFRR should work in calendar 2001 and 2002 to identify high value agricultural areas which abut arterial highways. MDOT and DAFRR and LMFB should in 2002 jointly report to the LWRC funding options for FY04-05 to secure development rights on these parcels while retaining agricultural uses.			Feb 2 mtg – discuss italicized text
	3. Strengthen the right-to-farm law for areas located outside of locally-designated growth areas and LURC development zones. (Legislation submit year FY 00)	3. Right to farm law strengthened, though growth areas not exempted.		Adapt BMP rules – in process	DAFRR Bill Seekins 287-7531	
	4. Eliminate the sales tax on electricity used in agriculture production, commercial fishing and commercial aquaculture productions. (Legislation submit year FY 00)	4. Sales tax on electricity used in ag, fishing & aquaculture production eliminated.				
C. Resurgent Service Centers	1. Implement the 'Main Street Maine' downtown initiative involving at least the following key elements: a. a multi-modal transportation investments program; (Reallocate existing funds begin year FY 02)	P.L. 1999 c. 776 establishes the Maine Downtown Center to encourage downtown revitalization in Maine communities through advocacy, information, training and technical assistance to communities. Coordinator hired. Established an Advisory Board Begun the early stages of implementing the National Maine Street Program See also A4 Explore Maine.	The State Planning Office shall work collaboratively with DECD, MDF and other state agencies to coordinate the programs of the Center (\$100,000 appropriation).		DECD Jim Nimon (287-2686) SPO Matt Nazar (287-4818)	
	b. a joint investment program by DECD/FAME/MSHA to support existing infrastructure improvements that serve high density mixed uses in downtowns; (Administrative implementation begin year FY 02)	Directed to develop an investment policy to assist municipalities and private property owners in the redevelopment of downtowns. Report submitted to the Legislature (BEC) 1-15-01.	Bond Issue for Municipal Infrastructure Trust Fund; Legislator led effort to develop a statewide building code; several other initiatives noted elsewhere	Capitalization of Municipal Infrastructure; review/recommend changes to codes allowing re-development of existing buildings	DECD Jim Nimon (287-2686)	
	2. Create and capitalize a Downtown Fund with a one time allocation from the State surplus and distribute to municipalities with "designated downtowns" through a low interest revolving loan program to facilitate investment in downtown infrastructure and related amenities (parking improvements, building code compliance, utility upgrades, lighting, facade improvements, parks, gathering places and other improvements). Municipalities apply for downtown designation; an interagency "Main Street Maine" Commission reviews the application based on eligibility criteria. The maximum loan amount to any municipality would range from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. No less than 1% of the available balance in the "Downtown Fund" shall be set aside annually as seed funding for communities who wish to hire downtown managers. No less than \$1,000,000 of the Downtown Fund shall be set aside & reserved (\$250,000 annually for four years) to create a grassroots marketing and	P.L. 1999 c. 776 authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to make loans to municipalities from the Municipal Investment Trust Fund for downtown improvements, including façade improvements, utility relocation improvements, elevator installation, historic preservation improvements, sprinkler system installation, parking improvements, roads, traffic control devices, parks and open space amenities, purchase of development rights for parks and open space, streetscape, sidewalks and curbs and utility upgrade and extensions. NOT FUNDED by 119 th Legislature Maximum loans and criteria to be established through Municipal Investment Trust Fund administration (if funded)	Tentative Governor's Bond Package includes \$2million for GIS (slated for Nov'01 vote) and \$10 million for Municipal Investment Trust Fund (slated for vote Nov '02)		SM Gr Coord Comm Orman Whitcomb 287-8458 SPO David Keeley 287-1491	

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	management program called the "Downtown Center", styled after the National Historic Trust's Main Street Program, housed at DECD. Amend existing law or create new statute. (One time allocation begin year FY 00)	Created Downtown Center as noted above; municipalities can apply for Maine Street USA downtown designation;				
	3. Institute a state income tax credit, augmenting the federal tax credit, for brownfields redevelopment. The tax write off would cover the cost of investigation and clean up. (Legislation submit year FY 01; Ongoing allocation begin year FY 02)		Researching experience in other states to ensure that incentives will be effective		SPO - Judy Cooper (287-6417)	
		Draft report evaluating and making recommendations on Brownfields initiatives ready for Legislature on (NAT) 1-15-01.			DEP - Nick Hodgkins (287-4854) SPO - Judy Cooper (287-6417)	
	4. Develop site selection criteria for leased and owned State office space and state civic buildings that creates a priority for, and gives a scoring advantage to, locations in downtowns first, then in designated growth areas and/or service centers while providing safe, healthy appropriate work space for employees and clients, healthy appropriate work space for employees and supporting agency program requirements. (Administrative implementation begin FY 00) (Relates to Section A.1)	P.L. 1999 c. 776 requires the Bureau of General Services to develop site selection criteria for state facilities that give preference and a scoring advantage to priority locations, identified as service center downtowns, service center growth areas and downtowns and growth areas in other communities. This policy must be effective by January 1, 2001.		Implement new policy for all new projects (DMV Portland, DHS Farmington) Distribute policy to all affected agencies?	SPO John DelVecchio (287-8058) BGS John Conrad 287-4035	
			PL 776 requires the State Board of Education to develop rules regarding the siting of new schools. Priority locations to be considered are locally designated growth areas identified in a comprehensive plan or, in the absence of a comprehensive plan, areas served by a public sewer system, areas identified as census designated places or compact areas of urban compact communities. Rules adopted are major substantive rules and must be submitted to the Legislature by 2-1-01 for review by NAT and EDU.	While the draft substantive rules will be provided by 2/1/01, final rulemaking will not be completed until at least April.	State Board of Education Jim Rier/Scott Brown, (287-5906) SPO Beth Della Valle (287-2851)	
			MDOT and Education have initiated discussions to streamline the traffic permitting of school projects while encouraging school siting and design which support compact development and bicycle and pedestrian access.		Alan Stearns 287-5735	
	5. Establish a stakeholder review of codes that may inhibit redevelopment of historic buildings and other downtown properties (ADA, Life Safety, Parking standards, etc.) and make recommendations for appropriate remedies. (Administrative implementation begin FY 00)	DECD held a Smart Codes seminar with experts from two states that have adopted "smart codes", New Jersey and Maryland (November 2000). Recommendations to create a rehab building code similar to NJ and MD was included in the report to the legislature on a Downtown Investment Policy	A bill has been submitted by Representative Koffman to create an advisory committee to oversee the development of a building rehab code through Major Substantive Rule Making by December of 2001. Which agency will develop the rule and which agency will oversee the implementation is still under	If the legislation passes, the advisory committee will need to be convened and rulemaking will need to be undertaken. New Jersey maybe able to provide on-going technical assistance in this process.	DECD Jim Nimon (287-2686) SPO Bruce Hensler 287-5649	

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			discussion.			
	6. Create a homeownership program for service center downtown areas that is similar to MSHA's New Neighbors program. This will encourage owner-occupied 3-4 unit buildings in high rental, low-income areas. (Reallocate existing funds begin year FY 00)	Directed to prepare a status report on MSHA's efforts to design and implement a home ownership program for service center downtowns that is designed to encourage owner-occupied 3-to-4-unit buildings in low-income areas. Also to include recommendations for making MSHA's programs for newly constructed single-family homes consistent with the purposes of 30-A MRSA §4349-A [restricts the state to making growth-related capital investments only in locally designated growth areas, areas served by public sewer systems, or other areas for specially designated projects).	Report due to the Legislature (NAT and BEC) by 2-15-01.		Maine State Housing Authority (MSHA) – Valerie Iverson	
	7. Help protect the fiscal condition of service centers that are losing population to out-migration by reducing the impact of population loss in the school funding and community revenue sharing formulas. (Reallocate existing funds begin year FY 00)	The budget establishes a second-tier of revenue sharing that will cap the amount that the Local Government Fund can grow beyond the Consumer Price Index and transfer additional funds raised from the 5.1% of state income and sales tax revenues dedicated to local governments to the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund. These funds will be distributed to according to a formula that reflects relative tax burden and should provide relief primarily to service center communities. A one-time appropriation of \$3.6 million was made in FY01 to seed the fund.		New allocation? Sm Gr Coord Comm to Discuss	Sm Gr Coord Comm Dave Ledew?	
D. The Great American Neighborhood (also collectively know as: Home Town Maine Initiative)	1. Reform local land use ordinances to allow the development of traditional neighborhoods -- that is, compact, walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods -- that are designed for contemporary conditions, including accommodating auto travel, but that preserve the heritage of the New England town and livable city neighborhoods. Do so by: a. preparing a model ordinance for traditional neighborhood development that can be incorporated into local land use ordinances; (Administrative implementation begin year FY 00)	SPO solicited proposals and selected a consultant to develop a municipal smart growth handbook. Preliminary meetings were held with the consultant and project advisors.	A draft handbook will be circulated for review in early 2001.		SPO John DelVecchio (287-8058)	
	b. preparing a design manual for towns and home builders; including case studies of locations in Maine which approach this concept; and	Consultant working on Design Manual (street widths, lot sizes, visual dimensions, "how-to" build plans)	due for circulation early '01		SPO Beth Della Valle 287-2851	
			Education campaign; consultant to be selected and work begun Jan '01 targetting primarily homebuyers and the general public – championing the benefits of "Great American Neighborhoods"		SPO John DelVecchio (287-8058)	
		Directed to make recommendations regarding land use ordinances and zoning ordinances near newly constructed schools.	Report due to the Legislature (NAT) by 2-1-01. Work on this task will be coordinated with work to develop Model Ordinances		SPO John DelVecchio (287-8058) and State Board of	

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					Education (Jim Rier/Scott Brown, 287-5906),	
	c. requiring, either through administrative or legislative action, municipalities to allow the development of traditional neighborhoods (that meet the standards of the model ordinance) in sewer service areas of communities where the state has helped fund sewer systems and treatment plants.			Sm Gr Coord Comm to discuss	DEP Bill Brown to lead?	
	2. Revise LURC zoning districts to encourage development around designated settlement areas and development zones. Simultaneously, in more remote areas, discourage development, except that which can accommodate backcountry recreation or which is resource dependent. Revise performance standards, permitted uses, and densities to reinforce the LURC-version of the Great American Neighborhood and the special character of the jurisdiction. (Administrative implementation begin year FY 00)	Rangeley Plan (adopted Dec. 00?) does not discourage growth to the extent recommended in the Strategy; Districts encourage development in Growth Areas rather than specifically discouraging growth in more remote areas; LURC monitoring system to collect and assess data on permits, etc. to determine if growth occurs in the way the plan stipulates		holding a workshop for realtors/contractors on the new rules and expected outcomes (March?); among other follow-up activities.	LURC Hollie Dominie (287-2631)	
	3. Amend the Site Location of Development Law so that towns with populations greater than 5,000 would be "presumed to have capacity in 2003" only in locally designated growth areas. (Legislation submit year FY 00)	P.L. 1999 c. 776 amended 38 M.R.S.A.. S 488 § 19 so that municipal capacity (and exemption for Site Law Review) is granted if project meets criteria already in the law, <u>and</u> if it is located within a designated growth area of an adopted, consistent comprehensive plan.		Provide Technical Assistance to Municipalities	DEP Mark Margerum 287-7842 SPO Matt Nazar 287-4818	
	4. Fund a "patient" sewer and water extension loan program (in which municipalities and sewer and water districts can finance extensions but are not required to repay the loans until development is on line and appropriate charges made to developers), provided that residential development locates in designated growth areas and is allowed in the service areas of the extensions at 3 or more units per acre. (Ongoing allocation begin year FY 02)	EPA approval received for DEP and SPO to design a pilot \$3 million "patient" server extension loan fund. Fund will be part of DEP's sewer revolving loan fund, which has the money available;	Developing criteria and application material	Coordinate with DEP to develop presentation/discussion for Sm Gr Coord Comm to finalize program	SPO John DelVecchio 287-8058 & Judy Cooper (287-6417) MMBB Karen Aselin (phone)	
	5. Issue an executive order that requires state agencies to review their regulations for secondary impacts that may tend to discourage the development of traditional neighborhoods and commercial centers, or that tend to encourage development sprawl throughout the state (See related section C5). (Administrative implementation begin year FY 00)			Sm Gr Coord Comm to identify rules that induce sprawl and sub-groups to address them, eg. Nexus of Environmental laws and Smart Growth laws.	John DelVecchio 287-8058	March tg?
		MDOT has amended 23 MRSA 704-A and its implementing rules to provide incentives to locate major developments within growth areas and urban compact areas.			Steve Landry 287-3775	

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	6. Through the State Planning Office's community planning and investment program, establish a competitive pilot program to fund: a. the restoration of the physical landscapes of older urban neighborhoods consistent with the principles of the Great American Neighborhood; (<i>Ongoing allocation begin year FY 02</i>)	P.L. 1999 c. 776 appropriated \$1.7 million for grants for financial and technical assistance to municipalities, grants to regional councils and smart growth initiatives;	Program Statement and Application Materials circulating; application deadline Jan 5, 2001; Includes Smart Growth Challenge Grant Program and Great American Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program	Increase the amount of funds available for 3 previously scheduled grant rounds in Spring '01; Fall '01 and Spring '02	SPO Will Johnston (287-3860)	
	b. the restoration of commercial areas through the concept of "downtowning the strip" . (<i>Ongoing allocation begin year FY 02</i>)	Not funded	No action proposed.	SPO/MDOT to coordinate for FY02 workplan	SPO Mary Ann Hayes 287-1009 ??	
E. Report Card	1. Charge the Land and Water Resources Council with maintaining a biennial "report card" on progress toward this initiative's measurable objectives within each of the state's "extended communities" -- that is, areas defined by the State Planning Office that consist of one or more service centers and surrounding suburbs and rural towns that are bound together economically. The report card will include measures undertaken to foster local leadership and capacity-building necessary to support the objectives and strategies for A-D above, as well as identify any unmet local needs. (<i>Administrative implementation begin year FY 00</i>)			Coordinate with BGS to track state investments Identify measures of measurable objectives	SM Gr Coord Comm SPO Jody Harris 287-5424 Judy Cooper 287-6417 BIS Jim King? 628-7866 BAC Terry Brann (287-4603)	Feb 2 mtg